

**National Transportation Safety Board
Washington, DC 20594**

Brief of Accident

Adopted 11/10/1998

ANC97LA109		07/21/1997		NAKNEK, AK		Aircraft Reg No. N9481F		Time (Local): 18:30 ADT					
Make/Model:		Cessna / 208				Fatal		Serious		Minor/None			
Engine Make/Model:		P&W / PT-6A-114				Crew		0		0		1	
Aircraft Damage:		Substantial				Pass		0		0		2	
Number of Engines:		1											
Operating Certificate(s):		Commuter Air Carrier; Flag Carrier/Domestic; On-demand Air Taxi											
Name of Carrier:		PENINSULA AIRWAYS INC.											
Type of Flight Operation:		Scheduled; Domestic; Passenger/Cargo											
Reg. Flight Conducted Under:		Part 135: Air Taxi & Commuter											
Last Depart. Point:		Same as Accident/Incident Location						Condition of Light:		Day			
Destination:		NAKNEK/TIBBETTS, AK						Weather Info Src:		Weather Observation Facility			
Airport Proximity:		On Airport						Basic Weather:		Visual Conditions			
Airport Name:		NAKNEK-TIBBETTS						Lowest Ceiling:		8000 Ft. AGL, Broken			
Runway Identification:		34						Visibility:		30.00 SM			
Runway Length/Width (Ft):		1700 / 50						Wind Dir/Speed:		280 / 005 Kts			
Runway Surface:		Gravel						Temperature (°C):		15			
Runway Surface Condition:		Soft; Wet						Obstr to Vision:		None			
								Precipitation:		Rain; Rain Showers			
Pilot-in-Command		Age: 51						Flight Time (Hours)					
Certificate(s)/Rating(s)								Total All Aircraft:		18546			
Airline Transport; Commercial; Multi-engine Land; Multi-engine Sea; Single-engine Land; Single-engine Sea; Helicopter								Last 90 Days:		291			
Instrument Ratings								Total Make/Model:		204			
Airplane								Total Instrument Time:		UnK/Nr			

The airplane was on short final to land when it encountered heavy rain, which reduced forward visibility. The pilot continued the landing, and during the landing roll, the airplane drifted right, and the right wing contacted brush and trees. The airplane departed the right side of the 1,700-foot-long x 50-foot-wide runway.

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File No. 1430

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Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH WEATHER

Phase of Operation: APPROACH - VFR PATTERN - FINAL APPROACH

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - RAIN

2. (C) FLIGHT INTO KNOWN ADVERSE WEATHER - CONTINUED - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: ON GROUND/WATER COLLISION WITH OBJECT

Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings

3. (C) PROPER ALIGNMENT - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

4. OBJECT - TREE(S)

Findings Legend: (C) = Cause, (F) = Factor

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows.

The pilots decision to continue the landing into adverse weather conditions and failure to maintain runway alignmet. A factor was the rain shower which resulted in reduced forward visibility.